

Iraq and Foreign Policy

" President Bush's foreign policy has been disastrous. This administration disregards the interests of the American people.

" I join my fellow Democrats in fighting for a foreign policy that makes America safe and secure.

Iraq Troop Deployment

" Our service men and women answered the President's call to fight in Iraq. Yet, as the war drags on, the American people are paying the price.

" The Pentagon's troop rotation schedule is in chaos. Our Guard and Reserve forces are being stretched thin.

" Waging war in Iraq was a choice, not a necessity. Our troops are paying the price for a policy that was never justified.

Homeland Security

" The threats against the United States are still paramount. We must continue to protect our citizens and our interests.

Economy and Jobs

" President Bush claimed his economic policy is working, but, if you look at the facts, the economy is in a state of crisis.

" The President should be supporting targeted tax cuts for middle-class families, not just for the wealthy.

Healthcare

" The President continues to champion the recently passed Medicare legislation, but it does not go far enough.

" I support a comprehensive Medicare prescription drug benefit that makes prescription drugs affordable for seniors.

" Prescription drugs are the single most costly factor that has caused health insurance costs to rise so dramatically.

" The cost of health insurance for Americans rose on average 15 percent last year alone.

Education

" The No Child Left Behind Act was supposed to improve the quality of education, but it has failed.

" Giving schools the resources they need is the only way to ensure that every child has a chance to succeed.

Same-sex Marriage

" Before millions of Americans, President Bush, who characterizes himself as a defender of traditional values,

" In 1996, I voted against the Defense of Marriage Act, which would have allowed states to discriminate against gay and lesbian citizens.

Energy and the Environment

" Americans want and deserve clean air, clean water, and a secure energy future.

" The Energy bill that the President continues to push is a disservice to the American people.

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